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AGREEMENTS

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1. ON FEBRUARY 10 EMBASSY OFFICERS CALLED ON
STANISLAW BRZOSKA, DIRECTOR OF TRADE POLICY DEPARTMENT
OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (MFT), TO FIND OUT
HOW SOON THE GOP MIGHT BE ABLE TO PROCEED WITH
NEGOTIATION OF THE FOUR DRAFT AGREEMENTS TABLED
OFFICIALLY DURING THE SEVENTH SESSION OF THE US-POLISH
JOINT TRADE COMMISSION.

2. BRZOSKA SAID THE GOP WAS DOING EVERYTHING
POSSIBLE TO MOVE FORWARD ON THE DOCUMENTS BEFORE
THE END OF MARCH, AS AGREED DURING THE TRADE COMMISSION MEETINGS.
HOWEVER, THE DRAFTS PRESENTED BY THE USG DIFFERED FROM ANY IN
PREVIOUS POLISH EXPERIENCE AND, IN SOME CASES, WITH POLISH LAW.
THE MFT, THEREFORE, MUST SPEND CONSIDERABLE TIME IN EXPLAINING
AMERICAN INTENTIONS TO OTHER CONCERNED MINISTRIES. (COMMENT:
DESPITE OUR QUESTIONS, BRZOSKA WAS NOT SPECIFIC AS TO PROBLEMS
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WITH THE DRAFTS OR WHETHER SOME, SUCH AS THE SMALL AND MEDIUM-
SIZE BUSINESS AGREEMENT, MIGHT BE CONCLUDED EASILY. END COMMENT.)

3. BRZOSKA CONSIDERED IT UNREALISTIC TO PLAN FOR
NEGOTIATIONS BEFORE THE SECOND WEEK OF APRIL, ALTHOUGH
HE SAID THE POLISH SIDE WOULD RESPOND TO THE USG DRAFTS BEFORE
THEN. HE SAID HE WOULD PROBABLY HEAD THE GOP

DELEGATION FOR NEGOTIATIONS BUT THAT THE DECISION WAS
NOT YET FINAL.

4. COMMENT: WE SHALL BE IN FURTHER TOUCH WITH
STEFAN WOLNIK, THE NEW MFT DIVISION CHIEF FOR NORTH
AMERICAN AFFAIRS, AS TO HOW SOON WE MAY EXPECT A POLISH
RESPONSE ON THE DRAFTS. WE WILL ALSO PRESS FOR CLEARER DEFINITION
OF WHAT SPECIFIC PROBLEMS THE GOP MIGHT HAVE WITH THEM. END
COMMENT.
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